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METHOD OF MAKING ABSORBENT For:

SHEET FROM RECYCLE FURNISH

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Sir:

The following previously-uncited published references in the above-identified I. patent application have been cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office as the International Searching Authority in the PCT counterpart to this application:

> European Publication No. EP 0 896 046 A1, published February 10, 1999 Applicant: AKZO NOBEL N.V.

European Publication No. EP 0 718 436 A2, published June 26, 1996 Applicant: THE PROCTOR & GAMBLE COMPANY

U.S. Patent No. 5,814,188, issued September 29, 1998 Assignee: THE PROCTOR & GAMBLE COMPANY

Copies of these references, together with the European Communication and PTO-1449, are enclosed.

II. The following references, also cited in the above-mentioned European application, have been cited previously in the instant application by Applicant(s) or by the Examiner.

U.S. Patent No. 5,582,681, issued December 10, 1996 Inventors: S. Back et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,622,597, issued April 22, 1997 Inventors: J.W. Callen et al.

U.S. Patent No. 4,441,962, issued April 10, 1984 Inventors: T.W. Osborn III

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